



EAST GEAUGA GAZETTE

Kiwanis Club of East Geauga, Ohio P.O. Box 187 Middlefield, OH 44062-0187
CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF SERVICE IN 2008
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2nd ANNUAL EGK BIG HEART AWARDS: Dianne Kellogg, chair of the Human and Spiritual Values Committee will help us celebrate citizens in service in the East Geauga community. There will be three recipients of the Big Heart Award to be honored at a dinner on Tuesday, February 12th at the Crossroads Restaurant. The 2008 winners are Jay Reno Reda of the Geauga Park District, for his outreach programs to youths and adults in Geauga County; Ruth Carlton, formerly of the Geauga Jobs and Family Services agency for her compassionate service to deserving families; and our own Dick Moss, for his generous support of youth through scholarships and stewardship of the Cardinal school board. Make plans to attend this worthwhile event to honor our local "heroes."

CHRISTMAS THANK YOU'S: We received thank you's from recipients of our Christmas poinsettias. Notes were sent by Ronnie Warren (with a donation), Isabel Nicholes, Jeannie Freuhling, Ann Rothenbuler, Sallie McCloud, Joy Robertson, and Carol Gappa. Andrea Pollock thanked us for the donation to her homeless meal ministry in Cleveland. And Geauga Jobs and Family Services thanked us for the Christmas donation, and sent some notes from some of the families that benefited during the holiday season.

ANNIVERSARY NOTE: East Geauga Kiwanis will celebrate **50 years** on June 30, 2008. Our only charter member, Phil Adams will be around to help us observe the momentous occasion, and a committee of Nick Frank, Tom Robinson, and Cindy Robinson will be working on arrangements to highlight this watermark event in East Geauga County community service history. A suggestion has been made to possibly tie in a celebration with Middlefield Community Days, since it's just about the time of year when we were chartered. Additionally, East Geauga will host the Division 22 Council meeting on June 25th- possibly a picnic. Keep watching for details, especially at www.eastgeaugakiwanis.org.

HEY, DAD (DUES ARE DUE): If the shoe fits... 'nuff said.

KIWANIS LORE: What is "Young Children Priority One (YCPO)"? (answer below)

MEMBERSHIP REMINDER: Cindy Robinson has developed an individualized letter inviting prospective members to join us for a meeting. Help us pick some good candidates to contact- our goal is to have 50 members by year's end. The Big Heart award dinner would be a great meeting for inviting a friend or prospective member. Remember, the first meal is on us.

WEBSITE NEWS: Keep up to date on the web at www.eastgeaugakiwanis.org.

"NOTHING BUT NETS" PROPOSED PROJECT: At last week's board meeting, the "Nothing But Nets" project to provide treated mosquito netting to families in Africa was proposed as a club project, especially as it relates to **Young Children Priority One (YCPO)**. An affiliated suggestion was to possibly conduct a three-on-three basketball tournament in June, in conjunction with our 50th anniversary celebration. The "net" proceeds could be divided between "Nothing But Nets" and Das Deutsch Center for Special Needs. I see a lot of young Amish boys playing some pretty mean basketball in Mineral Lake Park, and would probably eagerly participate. The board approved a study of this idea.

FISH FRYS ARE COMIN': Don't forget to remember the dates for our Spring fish fries: March 14th & 28th, and April 4th & 18th. We will have spiffy new aprons to wear this spring, so be sure to sign up for one of the crews. Also, Phil and Geri remind you to don't forget about those pies!

NOMINATIONS ARE NEAR: It will soon be time to hold our annual elections (May). President Dave has appointed Claire (chairman), Terry and Gib to be the nominations committee. If you have a burning desire to serve as a director or officer of East Geauga Kiwanis, the line forms at the rear.

KIWANIS LORE ANSWER: YCPO is Kiwanis' continuing service focus. This program seeks to serve the special needs of young children from prenatal development to age five in four areas: maternal and child health, child care and development, parent education and support, and safety programs and pediatric trauma care. Every Kiwanis Club is encouraged to conduct one YCPO project each year.

IMPORTANT DATES:

- 2/5- Sarah Shiningar, Geauga Jobs & Family Services: Supporting an MS family; 6:30pm
Crossroads Restaurant, Middlefield
- 2/12- Big Heart Awards dinner; 6:30pm, Crossroads Restaurant; **Guests are encouraged!**
- 2/19- Kiwanis Night Out; 6:30pm, Mangia Mangia, Newbury
- 2/26- Board meeting; Crossroads Restaurant; Committees meet at 6:00pm, Board meets at
7:15pm
- 2/27- Division Council meeting, Kirtland
- 3/4- TBA; Ohio Primary Election – **VOTE!**
- 3/8- Ohio District Kiwanis Mid-Year Education Day, Columbus

WORDS TO LIVE BY:

“Give of yourself. Be of service to others. Only what you give can be multiplied back into your own life.”
Mary Kay Ash (1918-2001) American businessperson
and founder of Mary Kay, Inc.

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